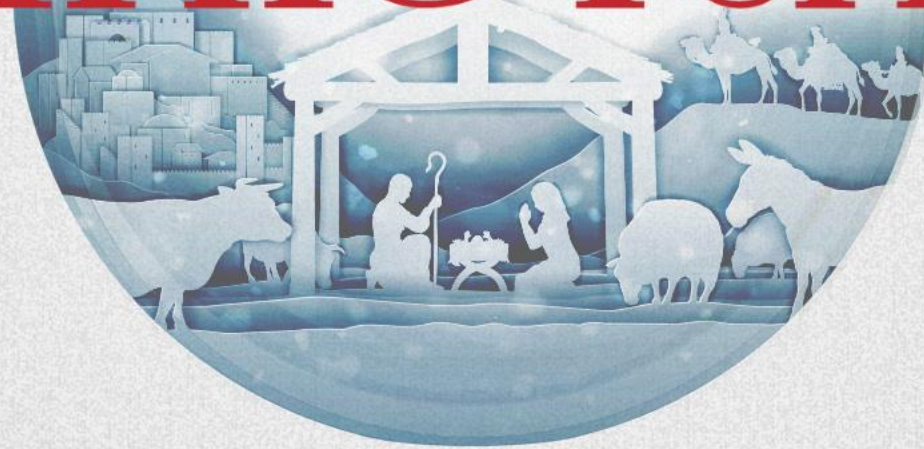


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❖ Jesus existed before his birth in a manger in Bethlehem

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of **the one and only Son**, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



John 1:14 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **He was with God in the beginning.** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.



John 1:1-3 (NIV)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. **He existed before anything was created** and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth... Everything was created through him and for him. **He existed before anything else**, and he holds all creation together.



Colossians 1:15-17 (NLT)

- Jesus existed before his birth



❖ God said Jesus was coming

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**



Revelation 13:8 (NIV)

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. **This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge;** and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.



Acts 2:22–23 (NIV)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.



Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.



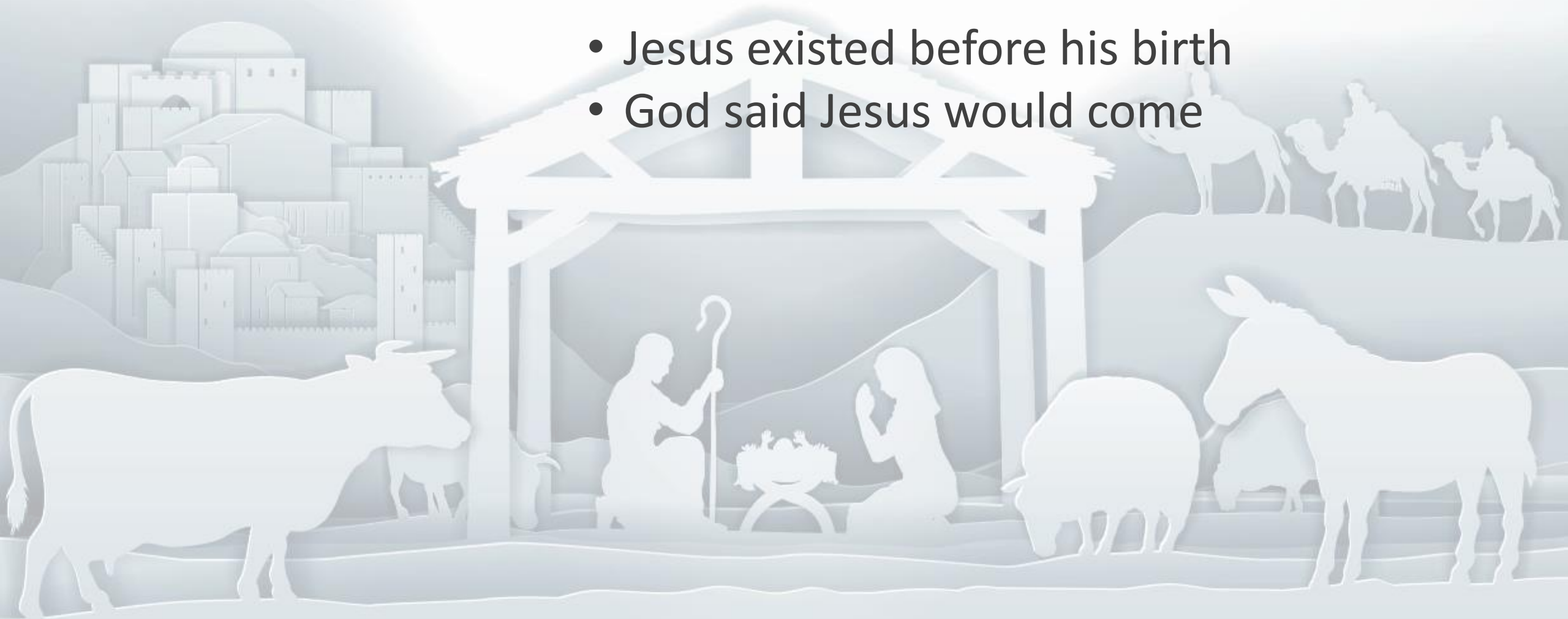
Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

...The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.



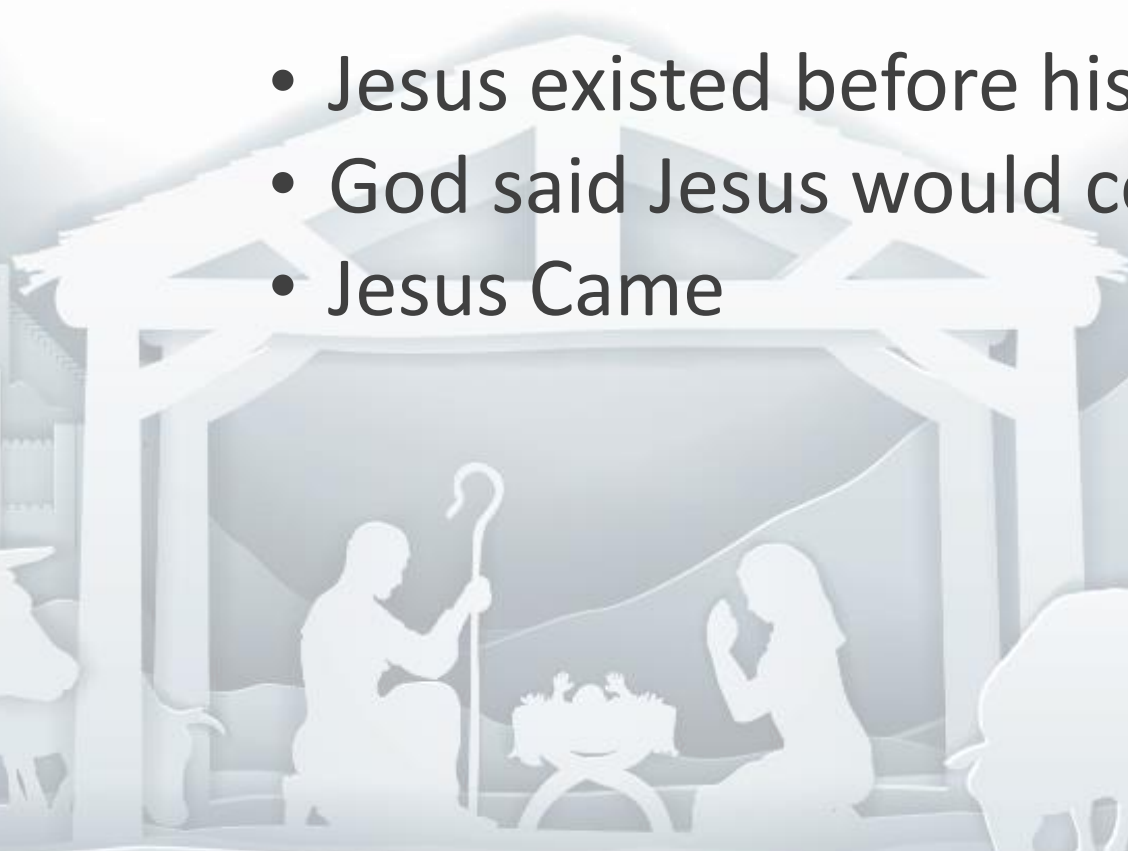
Isaiah 7:13-14 (NIV)

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❖ Jesus Came

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❖ Jesus is coming again

Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. **They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised?** Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”



2 Peter 3:1–9 (NIV)

But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.



2 Peter 3:1-9 (NIV)

By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.



2 Peter 3:1-9 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.



2 Peter 3:1-9 (NIV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**



John 14:1-3 (NIV)

... This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”



Acts 1:8-11 (NIV)

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven,
with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel
and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in
Christ will rise first.



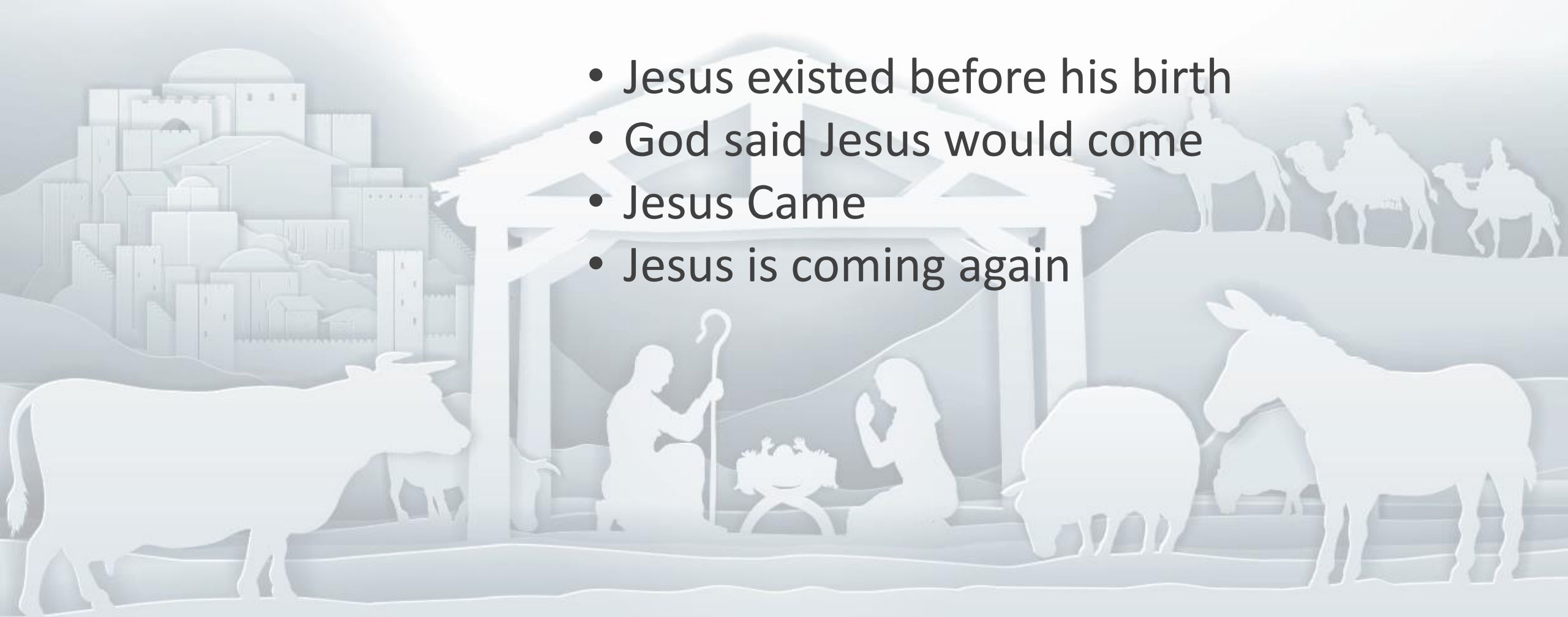
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.



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❖ How do you feel about Jesus coming back?

“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, **your kingdom come,** your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



Matthew 6:9–10 (NIV)

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” ... “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”



Matthew 19:16–22 (NIV)

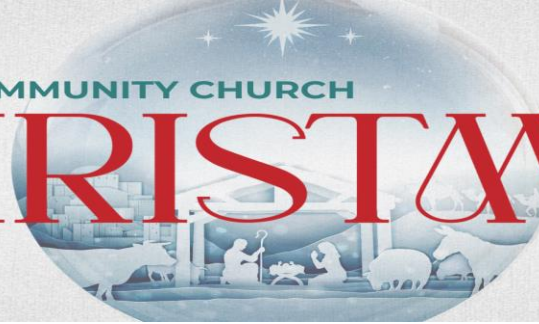
Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, **sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.** Then come, follow me.”
When the young man heard this, **he went away sad,**
because he had great wealth.



Matthew 19:16–22 (NIV)

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We are afraid to lose what we have because we don't fully understand what we will gain.

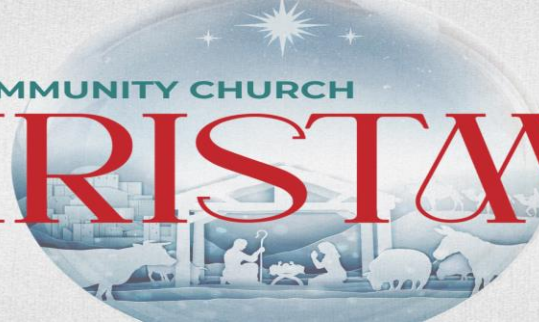
Just as people are destined to die once, and after that
to face judgment, .



Hebrews 9:27 (NIV)

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Jesus suffered on the cross to save you from hell, not just to make life easier here.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. **They did not receive the things promised**; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, **admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.**



Hebrews 11:13-16 (NIV)

People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. **If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.** Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.



Hebrews 11:13–16 (NIV)

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

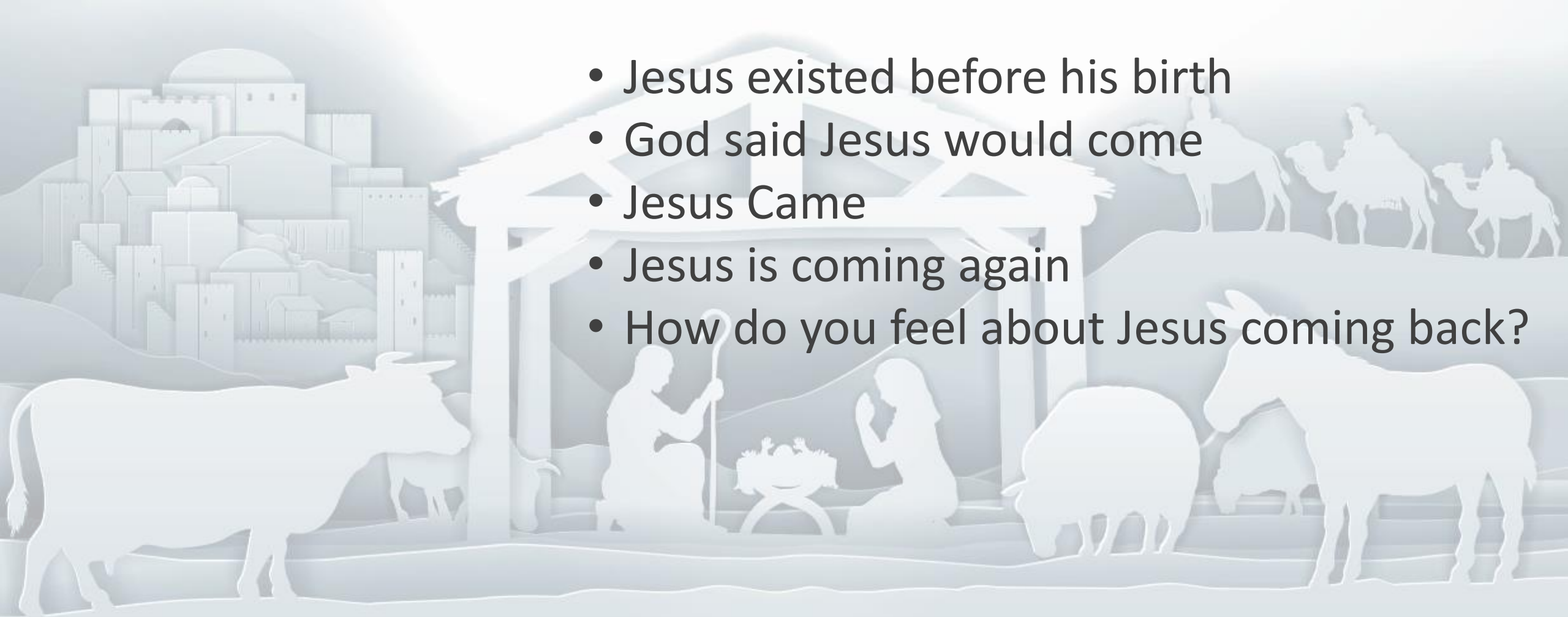


1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



2 Timothy 4:7–8 (NIV)

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❖ Don't lose sight of what has been promised

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: **I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;**



Philippians 1:21-23 (NIV)

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then **in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.**

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. **When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.**



Matthew 13:44–46 (NIV)

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us **so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment:** In this world we are like Jesus. **There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,** because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.



1 John 4:16-18 (NIV)

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.



Revelation 21:2-5 (NIV)

They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”



Revelation 21:2-5 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



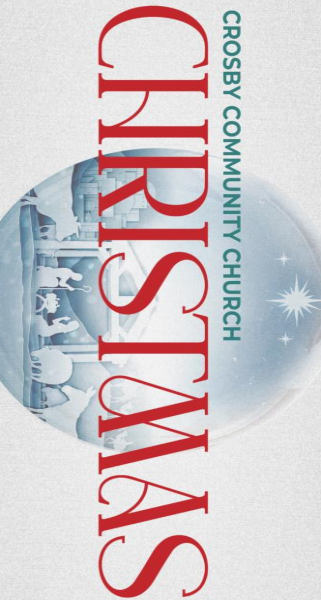
John 3:16-18 (NIV)

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.



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